

The Medium and the Gospel Message

by Jon B. Ohlhauser, VP
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I recently observed a conversation between a group of people who had just finished watching the latest motion picture carrying the title of J.R. Tolkien's, *The Lord of the Rings*. The conversation debated

whether or not the movie was better than the book. On one side the argument was made that the movie highlighted elements of the story that were at best only secondary themes in the book while at the same time it overlooked important character definition and development. In response, someone claimed that the visual effects of the movie version actually enhanced the appreciation of the issues of temptation and evil, making it just as valuable as the novel. By the end of the conversation the conventions were unreserved, leaving some defending the superiority of the book and others claiming the aesthetic value of the movie.

Many communication scholars believe the populist debate surrounding the superiority of the book over the



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movie and vice versa is fundamentally misguided. In the spirit of the well-known Canadian communication scholar, Marshall McLuhan, different communication media have differing capacities to communicate a message. For example, the medium of a "book" allows for the development of different features than does the medium of a "film." A book medium allows an author the luxury of expressing thoughts in linear fashion in terms of individual character and story line development. A film medium, on the other hand, provides a director with an opportunity to present detailed and overwhelming ideas through special effects and landscape cinematography. The differing characteristics of particular media become so significant that the medium through which an idea is communicated significantly shapes the nature of how the message is received with the result of the medium becoming the message.

From this perspective, the essence of the earlier debate on *The Lord of the Rings* becomes somewhat irrelevant and the question of the comparative evaluation between the movie and the book should be: "Which was a better story?"

The book and movie versions of *The Lord of the Rings* are essentially unique messages because of the difference in communication medium. Rather than making a claim that the movie does a good or bad job of representing the book it may be better to say that the movie is a better or worse story than the book since much of the difference between the two can be attributed to the different natures of the medium communicating the story. If the difference between the book and

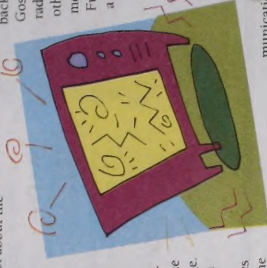
the movie is more a result of the difference between the two media by which they are communicated than between the representation of a single story line, what does that suggest about the effect different media have on communicating the story line of the bible?

The example of *The Lord of the Rings* may illustrate well the reality of the medium of communication determining the essence of the message. In response, efforts in Christian evangelism must give pause. Does anything happen to the Gospel message when we communicate through a different media? If the choice is use a different medium created *The Lord of the Rings*, the Motion Picture Story as opposed to

The Lord of the Rings, the Novel Story, what then is the difference between the Gospel story I communicate to my neighbour as we talk together in the back yard and the Gospel story told via radio, television or any other communication medium?

Furthermore, is there a medium of communication that is the best means through which to communicate the Gospel?

Understanding the impact that a dominant communication medium can have on the shaping of a culture's identity, is there any significance to the observation that Christ's earthly ministry, the season when the Word became flesh, happened when the dominant commu-



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David Mainse with his wife Norma-Jean receives an honorary doctorate from Dr. Brian C. Stiller and Dr. John Gladstone at Graduation

See pages 6-7 for more graduation coverage!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

British philosopher Herbert Spencer said, "The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action." As 200 graduates crossed the stage on May 4, I marveled at the truth of this statement and its awe-inspiring implications. The scores of students that graduate from

Tyndale every year are not only equipped to be scholars, but to be movers and shakers in the Kingdom of God. The desired end of a Tyndale education is not to merely possess knowledge, but to be equipped with knowledge as a tool for service.

For this issue of *Connection* we chose the theme of media, because it too is a tool that can be used for God's service and is being used by many Tyndale graduates. An excellent example of Christian service is set by this year's recipient of an honorary doctorate, Rev. David Maine, President of Crossroads Television Systems (p. 6). Our featured alumnus of the issue

is Alex Parachin, actively involved in media ministry as President of the 700 Club (p. 8). Current student Joel Geleynse, among his many activities, has worked with CHRI in Ottawa and is now with Crossroads (p. 8). On page two Dr.

Ross Bailey takes a look at information overload with his review of *How the News Makes Us Dumb*. Our front page, by Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, asks the question "What is the most effective medium through which we can communicate the gospel?"

Media is only one small way that our graduates are impacting society and the world for Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, let us encourage them on to even greater service through all the tools that God has given us.

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OFF THE SHELF

How the News Makes Us Dumb by C. John Sommerville



**DON'T BE A NEWS JUNKY -
Kick the Habit Now!**

Many students, having completed their assignments and exams for the winter semester, are taking a respite from their studies till next fall - it's vacation time! Here is a thought worth considering: vacations are about more than relaxation, they're about rejuvenating our minds and souls. As you take a break, do so not only from work, but also from the daily press. Unhook yourself from the television, radio, and our daily newspapers!

We who live at the beginning of the twenty-first century are better informed and more quickly informed than ever before in history. So why do we also seem more confused, divided and foolish than ever before?

Historian C. John Sommerville argues in his book *How the News Makes Us Dumb* (InterVarsity Press) that "news began to make us dumber when we insisted on having it daily!" Now millions of column inches and air time hours must be filled with information - a barrage of dissociated facts, every day, every hour, every minute. Lost in this tidal wave of information is our ability to discern truly significant news and our ability to recognize and participate in true community.

This eye-opening book is for everyone who thinks the news really informs them about and connects them with the real world. Read it and you may never again know the tyranny of the daily newspaper or the "world at six" nightly news broadcast.

Because newspapers and news broadcasts treat each day and its events as being equally important in giving us daily insatiables, the reading, viewing, and listening public fail to develop a sense of perspective about the bigger issues, Sommerville writes. "The world hasn't always had a news industry. The news used to come irregularly when something happened that was really important or interesting. The only reason for making the news daily is to create an information industry. If publishers waited for something to happen, they might be idle for weeks and their capital assets would get rusty. So they have convinced us that every day is worthy of the same attention."

Perhaps the greatest irony in the information age is that news contributes to the decline of our intellectual culture by crowding out other intellectual activities. Paradoxically, the media are not the villains. Ultimately, it is the consumers of news who are to blame. We have acquired an addiction and newspapers, radio and television are just supplying the market. So, don't be a news junky; kick the habit now! Keep the news in perspective, and balance your appetite for daily news with a cultural diet rich in books, theological reflection and discussion. It is not enough to be informed, Sommerville says - we need to learn to be wise! This book critiques our contemporary media culture, argues that the current flood of immediate news destroys our ability to discern what is truly significant, assesses the influence of the news on politics and culture, provides historical perspective on how the news has changed society in this century, and offers help for recovering wisdom in our information age. Media junkies and media critics alike will discover here a book that transcends the sound bites and addresses the meatiest issues of what's wrong with the news media.



Review by Ross Bailey, Director Educational Initiatives

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At Tyndale College & Seminary we have assembled a world class group of biblical scholars/practitioners. In order to fulfill our mission to "educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ," we would like to make this expertise more readily available for your use.

If you are in need of a special sermon to fill your pulpit or would like to book a preacher from Tyndale College & Seminary, please contact us to make your request. A number of faculty members have provided us with a message title and/or scriptural passage.

Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, VP, Marketing and Enrollment
"Failure the Foe of Faithfulness" Psalm 103:17-18

Dr. Jeff Greenman, VP, Academic Dean, Tyndale Seminary
"Sharing in God's Mission" Luke 9:1-6
(key marks of a Church that shares in God's mission to the world)

Dr. Daniel Wong, Pastoral Studies, Tyndale College
"Responding to the Word of God" James 1:21-27

Dr. Wafik Wahba, Missions, Tyndale Seminary
"Christianity & Islam in the Context of Missions"

Gordon Heath, Degree Completion, Tyndale College
"The Sixth Sense" Hebrews 11:4

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The Annual President's Dinner

by Glen R. Pitts
Director, Capital
Campaign

On April 15th about 500 people gathered in the beautiful surroundings of the Inn on the Park in Toronto for our Annual President's Dinner.

Again this year we were all reminded why

Tyndale exists as our students shared how God had been working in their lives and using

Tyndale as His crucible and workshop. Dr. Jay Kesler, former president of Youth for Christ (USA) and current Chancellor of Taylor University in Indiana, was our guest speaker. Dr. Kesler talked about the mornings we



Special Guest Speaker Dr. Jay Kesler

need as Christians to survive today's storms. He powerfully underscored the message of the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb as being essential pillars of faith.

Dinner guests enjoyed special music provided by Tyndale students, willing to participate despite it being exam week! Dr. Brian Stiller gave a

motivating report on the school. He talked about God's faithfulness to Tyndale and how leadership is feeling God's leading to now claim new ground – moving the school closer to becoming one of the finest centres of Christian higher education in North America.

Special thanks go to our many sponsors and friends who supported the dinner and brought others with



Dr. Brian Stiller, Glen Pitts, and Dr. Jay Kesler



Dr. Stiller interviews Seminary graduate Raymond Mok about his Tyndale experience.

them. The funds raised at this year's President's Dinner, together with what came in during the final two weeks of April, enabled us, for the seventh consecutive time, to end our fiscal year in the black.

We are blessed by the faithfulness and on-going support of the many friends of Tyndale. Thank you again, one and all, for standing with us as we continue to fulfill our call to glorify God through the training of future leaders to passionately serve Christ in the world.



Members of the Tyndale Worship Choir performed two pieces for dinner guests.

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The Venture Recreation Leadership students completed their expedition April 6-29th, paddling over 100 miles in the Florida Everglades, and hiking 40 miles through the Smoky Mountains in North Carolina/Tennessee. Students were encouraged to apply their leadership skills in challenging environments, and the class experienced amazing unity through prayer and teamwork.



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nication medium was orality, or person-to-person communication? More and more today churches are incorporating different forms of communication medium into their efforts to communicate the Gospel. I do not believe that these efforts are in error. Rather, as Christians we need to consider the characteristics of each communication medium so that we understand both its ability to contribute as well as its limitations to communicate the complete story of the Gospel.

Graduation Chapel

Sarah Leggett, MDiv
Missions/Intercultural Studies,
Tyndale Seminary



Being part of a community which is seeking to grow in its intercultural sensitivity, slowly, faithfully at times, but untakably, has been both a challenge and a great joy. And I am so very thankful for the sixty or more international students who have put up with me as I struggled to learn how we as Canadian Christians at Tyndale can serve our brothers and sisters from other nations better. However, I am struck more and more by the fact that the diversity of cultures here is not only a privilege, but a responsibility. When Jesus prayed in John 17 that His disciples would be brought into complete unity, He

included a causal connection: we must be unified in order for the world to know that God sent Jesus and that the Father loved the world. I am convinced and convicted that I am in the body of Christ must not fail to endeavour more and more to fulfill this call to unity, if the world is to see the love of the Father in Christ....

We have all been changed by our time here, although it may be hard to pinpoint exactly how much or in what ways. Who was it that said that the more you know, the more you realize how much you don't know? That has certainly been my experience at Tyndale, and if this rings true to the experience and attitude of students here, I believe it is a good sign. It means that this has not just been an intellectual exercise, a means to get a piece of paper. If, ultimately, we have met the Lord in this place, through the study of His word, through readings, papers, exams, ministry experiences, etc.,

then we have succeeded, and so has Tyndale. I hope that we, like Isaiah, will have been so moved by the glory of God that we realize how minute is our comprehension of His greatness and how great is our need of His mercy. It is this that I cling to as I walk away feeling like I have barely begun the lifelong process of being taught by God.

Graduation is a time to reflect on what God has been teaching us during this part of our journey with Him and what we are supposed to learn.... Many of us face difficult choices about the arenas of ministry in which to move into. In their message, Tom and Christine Sine, from Mustard Seed Ministries, asked all of us, but especially those who are graduating, to consider very carefully the question: "How does God want to use my life?" rather than be swept away by life's many demands. I pray that we will not do what is merely logical, what is safe, what is convenient, or what is socially expected by our peers or even our Christian circles. I pray that we will do instead what pleases our Master, regardless of the cost.



Dr. John Kessler receives the Faculty Award for Excellence from Board of Governors member Miller Alloway.



College Student Council President Jordan Donald reads Scripture



Professor Elizabeth Davy receives the Faculty Award for Excellence from Board of Governors member Miller Alloway

Reading Romans Conference

held at University of Toronto



Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyszis

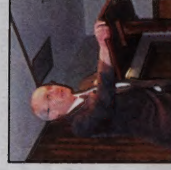


Dr. Jeffrey Greenman

Joseph Fitzmyer said, "One can almost write the history of Christian theology by surveying the ways in which Romans has been interpreted." On May 28-29, Tyndale Seminary presented a two-day conference entitled "Reading Romans: Encounters with the Epistle to the Romans through the Centuries." This conference was in cooperation with the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies and was held in conjunction with the 2002 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities being held at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnic University from May 25 - June 1.

"Reading Romans" was an interdisciplinary scholarly conference examining the significance of the Epistle to the Romans for a series of major thinkers in the history of Christianity. The conference examined how a wide variety of thinkers engaged with the text and themes of Romans. Depending on the nature of a particular subject's work, the issues covered included the methods of interpretation that they used, how their interpretation reflected their own theological commitments, how they contributed to developments in the history of exegesis, and their impact on their own contexts or traditions.

Tyndale Seminary Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. Jeffrey P. Greenman delivered a lecture on William Tyndale's treatment of the Book of Romans; Dr. Victor A. Shepherd, Professor of Historical Theology and Donald N. and Kathleen G. Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies spoke on John Wesley's perspective; Dr. Timothy Larsen, Professor of Church History, presented Romans from the view of J.W. Colenso, and Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyszis, Professor of New Testament, delivered a lecture entitled "New Perspective on Paul."



Dr. Victor Shepherd



Dr. Tim Larsen

Biblical Literacy Rocks the World

by Kevin Kirk, Director of Enrollment, Tyndale College & Seminary

This isn't a headline that I expect to see on the front page of any major daily newspaper any time soon. The sad reality is that Christian culture today is far from making this true.

According to a recent Gallup Poll, the number of "occasional" Bible readers fell from 79% in the 1980s to 59% in 2001. Only 16% of Christians polled indicated that they read the Bible daily. Many local pastors would support this finding.

It is fair to say that for quite some time now many Christian church congregations have not done a very good job of developing biblically literate members. I believe that most members of most congregations would readily admit to a lack of familiarity with the Bible: its overall story, its major themes



Kevin Kirk

and its main characters. A biblically illiterate Christian community does not have much hope of influencing the surrounding culture with the Gospel.

Our Christian community is in need of people who understand their Bible and who can properly understand and interpret our culture. We need people who know what God has

to say to us and in turn how to engage the culture in which we live. How else will the Christian community be able to spread the timeless message of Jesus in an age of capitalism and materialism? This is where the Christ-centered school fits into the big picture.

One of the main roles of a Christian educational institution, like Tyndale, is to deepen one's understanding of Scripture and theology and what it means for us today. At the core of academic study at such a school is a comprehensive study of the Bible and

Christian doctrine. Beyond mastering an extensive amount of biblical and doctrinal knowledge, a Christ-centered education aims to help students develop crucial skills for Christian service and discipleship. These skills include learning how to properly interpret the biblical text, how to think critically and creatively, how to formulate an articulate explanation of Christian belief and how to cultivate an authentic Christian mind.

If you are just starting your educational career or have been in the workforce for many years, Tyndale College & Seminary has both undergraduate and graduate programs that are based on biblical literacy. We seek to educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ. Whether that is in the secular work force engaged in "marketplace ministry" or in full-time vocational ministry, we aim to prepare this generation to impact this world for Christ. Now that's an education well worth the investment!

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The course has earned rave reviews from its first group of students. Laura

Brighton is a third year student in the Bachelor of Religious Studies (Humanities and Social Sciences) program. Her long-term goal is to work in humanitarian organizations, and she says that this course will greatly benefit her to this end.

"I've seen how I can understand and work with people better," she says. "I think that two people can see the same thing and each one can see it a different way. This course is teaching me how to work with other people and how to work in community. It's taught me to be able to see issues from more than one point of view and has helped me to become unbiased. I think that's the big thing I'll take away from here."

Chris Fellen, who is in the



Michael Lindsay, Director, Business Administration Program

Transitions program, was interested in the course because he felt it could help him both in working with his youth group and in his construction job. "It has helped me understand how process things and deal with other individuals who

might think and process differently than I do." He says he would definitely recommend this course to

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Patricia Webb, Dean of Life Long Learning, bids farewell to Tyndale faculty and staff. Pat has accepted the position of Vice President of Development and Marketing at McMaster Divinity College.

CONGRATULATIONS

Grad

profile
Jason Locke

Gifted. Popular. Musical. A leader. These are all titles that, if the Tyndale community was polled, could be attributed to Tyndale College graduate Jason Locke. Jason graduated this year from the BBS Religious Studies program and was a recipient of Dean's List honours for both semesters, as well as the Dr. John Mc Nicol Memorial Award in Biblical Studies. However, Jason's talents are certainly not limited to the academic realm. This year he served as Chapel Coordinator, organizing Tyndale's weekly chapels and leading worship. Perhaps his biggest accomplishment has been the orchestra and choir of Tyndale students and staff he brought together in the fall semester. Together, these groups were composed of approximately 40 Tyndale students and staff, and Jason directed, participated in, and arranged the music for both. He organized two special chapels for Christmas and Easter which involved the orchestra, choir, and worship team. As well, the choir performed at the Annual President's Dinner and Graduation.



Jason plays for guests at the Annual President's Dinner

Jason was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, but, as the son of pastors in the Salvation Army, has lived in several communities across Canada. He plays woodwinds, brass, and percussion and is in the process of mastering strings. Connection spoke to Jason in his last week at Tyndale.

Connection: Why did you choose Tyndale?

Jason: I chose Tyndale because I wanted the one-year Leading Edge program before going to university. I wanted a good foundation before I went to a secular university, and I enjoyed it so much that I decided to do a three-year degree.

Connection: What affected your decision to stay for a three-year degree at Tyndale?

Jason: The courses that we were taking, especially in my first year, were so new to me they were life-changing. Every course was something profound and impacting, and I wanted more of that. The biblical courses were so deep and so rich, and the other courses like Philosophy and English were able to take the liberal arts and put a spin on it

that made it relevant for my faith. Once I had that, I wanted more of it, so that's why I decided to come back.

Connection: Why did you choose to create the orchestra and choir?

Jason: I love choirs and I really think they're helpful in worship. If people see the choir and how energetic they are, it's an example of enthusiastic worship and helps draw people in a bit more. And the orchestra, I just think that so many things can be done with a worship team with an orchestra. There are so many people at the school who are so talented but won't play if there's no orchestra. And I love composing and conducting; composition was just a thing that I always enjoyed and picked up when I was younger.

Connection: What are your plans for the future?

Jason: I would love to be a teacher and come back to a place like Tyndale. I'm really interested in integrating music and theology and the arts. I'd like to teach music theory and composition, and lead large groups like choirs and orchestras.

Connection: Is there one experience that stands out from your time at Tyndale?

Jason: There are so many profound things I can't really pick one out. That's why I think the experience here has been so good; everywhere I turn there's something profound happening. Those chapels this year were so incredible, with the amount of work and commitment people put into them.



Jason Locke leads the Tyndale Worship Choir.

Honorary Doctorate Awarded to Rev. David Mainse



Tyndale College & Seminary is pleased to award an honorary doctorate to the Rev. David Mainse. The presentation of this degree occurred at Tyndale's graduation ceremonies on May 4, 2002, where Rev. Mainse was the guest speaker.

According to Dr. Brian C. Suller, President of Tyndale College & Seminary, "Rev. Mainse has long shared Tyndale's vision for reaching the world for Jesus Christ. He is a good friend and an outstanding citizen, and it is with great joy that we award him this honorary doctorate."

Rev. Mainse notes, "Tyndale College & Seminary has a long and illustrious history. I'm honoured to receive a doctorate from the institution which began in the 19th century as Canada's first Bible college. I congratulate Tyndale on maintaining the original strong vision of the Toronto Bible College."

The Rev. David Mainse was born in Campbell's Bay, Quebec. He began his work in television in 1962 with a weekly edition called Crossroads. In 1977 he began 100 Humbley Street, Canada's first daily live Christian television program which has featured more than 12,000 guests on

over 6,400 episodes, with a weekly audience averaging one million Canadian viewers. The program also offers a 24-hour prayer line service and refers people to social care agencies and churches across Canada.

In 1982 Rev. Mainse established the Emergency Response and Development Fund (ERDF) which has disbursed over \$15 million to humanitarian and long-term sustainable development projects worldwide. Through Crossroads Christian Communications the Geoffrey R. Conway/ Crossroads School of Broadcasting and the Circle Square Ranch camp ministry have been established. In 1998, the Canadian Radio and Television Commission granted Rev. Mainse a license to operate the Crossroads Television System (CTS) where he portrays a credible voice for Canadian Christians and promotes an open and respectful dialogue of faith among citizens. Through his work and the endeavors of the Crossroads Family of Ministries, he seeks to fulfill the Great Commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." Rev. Mainse and his wife Norma-Jean have four children and sixteen grandchildren.

GRADUATES

COLLEGE VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH



Lynn Ironside,

BRE Degree Completion Program

Most of us can recall our very first teacher and the initial journey that began to take us, slowly but steadily, away from the safety and security of our father and mother's arms. By the world's standards, this is what is best. We are expected to grow up quickly, to seek autonomy, and to learn how to fend for ourselves, while pushing aside any remnants of the nurturing with which our parents try to hold on to us. My experience at Tyndale has proven to be a gentle reversing of

this passage. With each successive class, I began to move further and further into the realm of our Heavenly Father: a realm that speaks of His incredible love, a realm that calls me to come under His yoke, a realm that asks me to lay down my life, a realm that demands total dependence on Him alone, a realm that is eternal, a realm that has shattered my misconceptions. No, these past few years have not been without their trials, yet each of us here today kept pushing forward, to this very moment, often because of the encouragement given by our teachers.

I will always be grateful to the faculty of Tyndale College. Each professor has given so much more than their position requires in your roles as teachers, storytellers, friends and wise counsellors. Each of you is willing to invest your passion into the lives of your students.

The question now, for all of the graduates here, is simply, "What next?" What has the Lord planned for all of us today, tomorrow, and the day after that? For some, it may be a return to further studies, for others, who knows!

In her book *Discipling: The Glad Surrender*, Elisabeth Elliot writes, "Christ calls us to do that (what we cannot) and to be that (what we are not). He is asking us to walk on water. Peter succeeded in doing that, but only for a few steps, only for those few seconds when his gaze was locked on Christ's, his mind set, as it were, on 'things above.' But when he looked around, he sank." Fellow graduates, we have a choice: to sink, or to walk on water; to set our eyes on tasks we know we can accomplish or to set our sights on tasks that only God can accomplish.

As you leave here today, continuing the journey that the Lord is calling you to, know that these words from Acts 1:18 are meant for you: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." My prayer is that as you go, you will do so, knowing within your heart that God is calling you to holiness. Remember to keep your eyes on the Lord and you will walk on water! May God bless you on your journey.



College graduate Rebecca Burditt receives her diploma from President Stiller

College graduates Kathy Thornbrow and Bert Capper



SEMINARY VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

Oskar Arajas

MDiv Pastoral Ministries

I still remember, a few years ago, driving out of my former company's parking lot for the last time. I was leaving the high tech world of computers and entering a world of books, thoughts, and ideas. Now, why does a math student like me make such an illogical change in life? I think there is a word that answers that question: grace. A common word really, but how life-changing it is when you grasp a little bit of its meaning. One of today's modern poets, Bono from the rock band U2, has given a really good description of this word:

*"Grace, she takes the blame
She covers the shame
Removes the stain
It could be her name
Grace, it's the name for a girl
It's also a thought that changed the world"*

One of my favourite classes was Apologetics with Dr. James Beverley. The rational, analytic side of me came to this class with a lot of anticipation. This was where we exposed logical fallacies, examined theological contradictions, ruthlessly hunted for the truth. It was not a class for the faint hearted! At the beginning of the course Dr. Beverley gave us 25 key New Testament texts for apologetics. All of the classic biblical passages were there. The apostle Peter advised, "be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have"; the apostle Paul defended himself before king Agrippa, "You know, O king, that all these things were not done in a corner." But there was one text in particular that stood out for me that day. I don't know if Dr. Beverley always sets this one up like this, but it was very effective. He said, "And now I want to give you perhaps the most important biblical text for apologetics." I grasped my pencil a bit tighter, I leaned forward in my seat, I didn't want to miss this one. And he said, "1 Cor.13 'If you don't have love, you gain nothing.' We can feel we have all the right answers, but without charity, kindness and grace, we miss the main point."

How often we hear today of wars, violence, religious strife, family breakdown, lawsuits, hatred, anger, resentment, the list goes on and on. The issues are complex, the feelings are intense, solutions are so hard to come by, everyone feels they have the right answers. But I keep thinking of this little word: grace. Perhaps there is no better word that can describe what is so desperately needed in our world today. Grace, it can melt the deepest hatred, it can heal the deepest wound, it can revive the love that has died long ago.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." It may be an old tune, but its message remains completely relevant. It is this thought that makes Jesus Christ so irresistible to me. I've flipped through my share of books, looked at the lives of other historical figures, heard many touching stories, and yet I have not found a more beautiful expression of grace than the cross.

I could not have imagined a better way to spend my life than to take this message of grace to a world in such great need of it. I am proud and I'm sure I speak for this large group of men and women in front me-I am proud to follow the One who took the blame and removed my stain. Grace: it definitely is a thought that can change the world.

Student

Joel Geleynse

Joel Geleynse wears many hats. This Tyndale College student has many credits to his name, including figure skater, disc jockey, actor, model, singer, songwriter, recording artist, and youth leader. Joel has just finished his second year in the BRE Youth Ministry program and his first year at Tyndale, having previously attended Augustine College for a year. He says he was attracted to the evangelical nature of Tyndale with the variety of church backgrounds, and liked both the smaller size and the "real warmth" of the school.

Although Joel grew up in the Christian Reformed tradition, his faith did not intensify until his year at Augustine College. "I was forced into a corner intellectually," he says, "where I couldn't back out. I just had to accept the reality of God. That's where my faith was really galvanized, and where my heart really became engaged." At Tyndale, he has had additional opportunities for growth, but recognizes that the institution itself is not the sole provider of spiritual maturity. "The tools are here, if you want to find them. The support is here, and everything that is required to live a healthy spiritual life you can find here, but it's whether or not you're looking, whether or not you want to make that happen." Although presented with other lucrative job offers and options around



Christmas, Joel decided to continue with his education at Tyndale on the advice of a friend, who said, "Go where God is." Joel says he is trying to incorporate this advice into his life and recommends it to others.

"Anytime you don't know what decision to make, just go where God is going to be, and God is always going to be here at Tyndale."

Joel has had many varied experiences in the past few years. He has been working as a volunteer youth pastor and worship leader in a church in Guelph for the past two years, and was a competitive figure skater for the past ten, retiring from the national team just a week before enrolling at Tyndale. Last summer he worked as a DJ at CHRI in Ottawa, and has also worked as a model and an actor, landing a role in the movie *The Whole Nine Yards*. He is currently working for Crossroads Television Systems as a research assistant for the show *Let's Live Up*. Joel's latest endeavour is his solo album, *Joel G*. He met his band members at Tyndale, where they played in a worship team together. This album is an authentic and honest look at his own journey and revelations about what God has been doing in his life. His music can be downloaded from www.joelg.ca.

"I really want to go where God wants me to be,

and I'm trying to discern what that is by trying different things out," he says. "Each experience has given me a broader resume and opened doors. I don't know if I'll ever be doing just one thing." Joel doesn't envision a 9-to-5 life ahead of him. "It doesn't have to be that way," he exclaims. "There must be a way that we can do what we love without being a slave to the clock." To him, life is to be an adventure. "I have a big heart to see North American Christians wake up and become excited about their faith. If we really lived out our faith the way we're supposed to, it would be an adventure. God is about living an adventurous life even in the midst of your 9-to-5 day and living outside the box. That's how I try to live my life, by not being mediocre and making it an adventure - and it has been!"

"The adventure isn't really in my circumstances; it's an inner adventure. You can be doing the same thing for 50 years but really it's your inner walk, that's the adventure. That's really my message, and I hope that comes through my music."

Alumni

700 Club President Alex Parachin



In 1983, Alex Parachin graduated from what was then Ontario Bible College. As a new Christian he desired to gain a better understanding of what it meant to be a child of God. He fingered through the phone book and phoned the first school he found.

Though Alex had never intended to be in full-time ministry, the Lord had a different plan, and there is no doubt in his mind that the Lord led him to find OBC in the yellow pages. He remembers sitting with his spiritual mentor, Jim Pointer, a Methodist pastor, and describes the picture as comical. Jim was in his ministerial collar sitting in his office chair encouraging Alex in his gentle way. Alex, a child of the 60's, sat across from him with long hair and remarked, "I know you want to pray, go ahead. I won't freak out."

While Alex cannot remember what Jim prayed he does remember the Spirit-guided words that flowed from his own mouth. He prayed, "God if you are there, if there is truth to this and what is represented in this man, put the footsteps in front of me one step at a time." This prayer was the beginning of new life for Alex. His new wife also came to the Lord six

months later. Today, Alex, his wife Donna and their children, Candace and Adam, all have ministries of their own.

Alex speaks very fondly of his years at Tyndale and believes that Tyndale was very instrumental in his growth and preparation for ministry. The Tyndale community, he believes, helped to form his life and offers the necessities one needs to build their lives around Christ. He recommends the school to all believers.

In 1989, doors began to open in a direction that Alex did not foresee. Having resigned from his church due to the feeling the Lord was leading him elsewhere, Alex was approached by David Garckson of the Christian Broadcasting Association of Canada to join their organization as President.

In accepting this role, Alex has experienced an even greater sense of the power of God. He is involved in various ministries which include ministry to prison inmates all through Canada, involvement in sponsoring aboriginals who want to train for ministry, ministry to homeless people, as well as a food and clothing bank.

At the top of these various ministries, the 700 Club also has a television program that offers teaching and encouragement for Christians and hope to those who are lost. Regarding the role of media today, Alex believes that we must speak to the world through the vehicles to which the world is connected. When Christ called us to go into all the world He also called us into the world of technology.

Alex believes it is the Church's responsibility to be involved in this medium which provides us with unlimited boundaries. When asked about reclaiming areas of the media for the work of Christ, Alex shared, "Media reflects society, and as we reclaim hearts for Jesus Christian values will begin to be more prevalent in all areas of society."

Believing that it is all about people coming to Christ one person at a time, Alex also sees the difficulties in using the mass media to evangelize. The challenge to those involved in ministry through the media is that as they use a medium designed to reach the masses they also need to touch the individual. Alex's vision for his own ministry is that his programming will be honoring to God and present an accurate picture of the gospel.



Tyndale Players Tour

Under the direction of Richard Peters from Brookstone Performing Arts, a group of six Tyndale students participated in a one-week spring drama tour. With nine performances in seven days, the Tyndale Players were able to minister to more than 1000 people at events including church services, school chapels and youth meetings.

"While we have had musical groups tour on behalf of the school, a group focusing exclusively on drama is something that is quite new. It relates directly to some of the courses we teach here at Tyndale and we wanted to see how well the classroom experience would travel on the road," observed Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, VP of Marketing and Enrollment Management.

The theme for this year's production was "The Foolishness of God." It was based upon scriptural teaching from 1 Corinthians that speaks about the observation that God often uses the foolish things of this world to confound the people who think they are wise. Ultimately, however, we discover that it is not God's foolishness but simply the shortsightedness of our spiritual vision.

For more information about future tours of the Tyndale Players, please call the school at 416-226-6380 and ask for extension 2103.

Faculty and Staff Notes



Dr. Jim Beverley, Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Seminary, spent a week in Lebanon and Syria in April and took part in a symposium entitled "Christianity and Islam: Bridge Building and Reconciliation," sponsored by the Middle East Council of Churches and Reconciliation Walk. He also recently finished a new book called *Muslims in America* to be published by Facts on File and also completed work as Associate Editor for a five-volume encyclopedia on world religions published in June 2002.



Dr. Keith Bodner presented a paper entitled "Eliab and the Deuteronomist" at the Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Denver Colorado, November 22, 2001.



Dr. Craig A. Carter, Vice President and Academic Dean of the College, spoke at a chapel service held at Seminary in Elkhart, Illinois on March 5 on the topic of "All We Take Up on the Sword." While at AARS, he also engaged in a dialogue with H. R. Niebuhr's Christ and Culture. Dr. Carter also presented his paper "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder" at the Fourteenth Believers' Church Conference, which was held at the University of Notre Dame on March 7-9. On March 14, Dr. Carter served as one of three respondents to a lecture given by Dr. Stanley Hauerwas entitled "Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a Political Theologian" at the Toronto School of Theology.



Dr. Bob Derrenbacher, Associate Dean of the Seminary and Professor of New Testament, gave a lecture for the Catholic Biblical Association of Canada on November 29, 2001 entitled, "Learning from the Setting of the First Gospel." The Social Life in Matthew's Cultural World" as part of the Biblical Spirituality Program. He also gave a three-lecture-series in April-May 2002 at St. James Cathedral in Toronto on the impact of St. Paul's ministry in the early church. His part-time ministry as a deacon in three parishes continues in the Toronto West Deanery for the Anglican Church of Canada.



Dr. Victor A. Shepherd, Professor of Historical Theology and Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary, will be marking this occasion by hosting a Christian Tours special series, the "John Wesley Tercentenary Celebration Tour." This tour, on June 17th, is part of a greater "Scenic Highlights of Britain" tour that runs from June 4th to 18th, 2003.



Victor Shepherd

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Dr. Shepherd, who is the pre-eminent Wesley scholar in Canada today, states, "I am thrilled to be associated with this Christian Tours special series, and to be escorting one of the coaches - part of the tercentenary celebrations of John Wesley's birth. Having profited for years from the head and heart of the man



Dr. Roy Matheson, Professor Emeritus, New Testament at the Seminary, spent April 6-15 in Medellin, Columbia, speaking at a training conference for pastors. He also spoke at the anniversary of the Calgary Baptist Church, Ottawa April 20-21, and at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown on May 26.



Dr. Dennis Nijien, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Seminary, is guest preaching in a number of churches throughout the spring and summer. From May 30 to June 2, he was at the Houston Christian Church, and then from July 5-7, preached in a Joint Summer conference in Cleveland, Ohio. From July 28 to August 13, he will be visiting family in Malaysia and also preaching in the Methodist Church there. Upon his return to Canada, he will preach August 17-18 at the Mandarin congregation in Bridle Trail Baptist Church, Scarborough.



Dr. Erwin Pernier, Professor of Greek and Religious Studies, attended the H.H. Bingham Colloquium in New Testament entitled, "Reading the Gospels Today" at McMaster Divinity College on June 8. Dr. Pernier also attended a conference presented by Tyndale Seminary in cooperation with the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies entitled, "Reading the Romans: Encounters with the Epistle to the Romans through the Centuries" held at the University of Toronto on May 28 to 29. Dr. Pernier has completed A Guide to New Testament Greek, which was released in April, 2002 by Clements Publishing, Toronto.



Drs. Yau Man Siew and Jeff Greenman, co-authors of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) study, "Spirituality & Public Character: A Qualitative Cross-Sectional Study of Master of Divinity Students in Toronto," presented their findings at the 43rd Biennial Meeting of the ATS in Pittsburgh from June 22-24, 2002. Their study was accepted for publication in *Theological Education* (April 2002). Dr. Siew's article, "Hebrew Education through Feasts and Festivals" was published in Michael J. Anthony (ed.), *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education* (Baker, 2001). Dr. Siew preached at Care & Support Fellowship Christian Church on January 6 and February 3, 2002 and at the Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church on April 7, 2002.



Dr. Wanda Malcolm co-authored an article "Resolving Unfinished Business: Relating Process to Outcome" which will appear in the spring 2002 issue of the American Psychological Association's *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. Dr. Malcolm attended the CCCU Psychology Faculty Development Workshop at Wheaton College, May 27-June 2. At the end of June, she attended the North American Society for Psychotherapy Research Conference in Santa Barbara, California where she participated, along with other members of the York University Psychotherapy Research Center, in a panel presentation of the preliminary findings from the Forgiveness Project.



President Brian Stiller, along with Charles Pike, spoke at the Keswick Conference in Hong Kong, March 10-17. While there he had opportunity to meet with alumni and staff. He also spoke at the thesis, Preaching Parables to the Postmodern, and received the DMin degree in graduation ceremonies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary on May 11.



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Dr. Daniel L. Wong's Sunday speaking included Mandarin Chinese Community Church, Cornerstone Chinese Alliance Church, Wesley Chapel and Weston Park Baptist Church. He conducted a 4-week Sunday School course on Personal Evangelism with Richmond Hill (Chinese) Baptist Church and led retreats with Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church worship leaders, a joint retreat between Presbyterian Church and Celebration Presbyterian Church, and Don Valley Bible Chapel leadership.

Tyndale Seminary thanks the following faithful faculty members who have taught for many years on a part-time basis, in the regular Fall and Winter courses, Directed Reading and Research courses, the MTS Modular Program, Extension Education courses in London and Oakville, and in the Spring/Summer School program:

Congratulations to Dr. Byard Bennett, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies & Theology, who has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in Michigan. Dr. Bennett has taught Elementary Greek in recent years, and he also taught Systematic Theology this academic year. We wish God's blessings upon Dr. Bennett, his wife Shalini and their children, Daniel, Timothy and Susanna, as they move to Grand Rapids this summer.

Congratulations to Dr. Ken Fox, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, who recently accepted a one-year renewable appointment as Assistant Professor of New Testament at Alliance Biblical Seminary in Manila, Philippines. He and his wife, Marilyn, and their son Graham, will be moving over the summer. We are deeply grateful for Dr. Fox's years of work with students in Greek and other New Testament courses.

Congratulations to Dr. Harry Hahne, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, who has been appointed Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at the Phoenix campus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, effective August 1, 2002. Dr. Hahne has taught a variety of courses at the Seminary part-time since 1986. We wish Dr. Hahne and his wife Elizabeth, all of God's blessings as they move to Arizona this summer.

Victor Shepherd to Host "John Wesley Tercentenary Celebration Tour"

from Epworth, it excites me to think of retracing his steps and revisiting the sites that are holy ground" for all who are his spiritual sons and daughters."

The Wesley tour will begin with a walking tour of central Bristol, including a private visit to hymn-writer Charles Wesley's house/museum and the New Chapel. Those on the tour will then enjoy a unique celebration, planned for the Canadian visitors, and focusing on the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, his life and legacy. The hymns of Charles Wesley and the discipline and influence of Suzanne Wesley's life will also be celebrated. After the special anniversary celebration in Wesley's Chapel, a gala dinner will be served with over 400 fellow-travellers from Canada, U.S.A., Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Alumni Keeping in Touch

please use this section as a prayer guide.



John Edward Montgomery '38, celebrated his 92nd birthday on April 14, 2002. He was President of the Alumni Association during the war years. He currently



Benjamin, who was born April 21, 2001 weighing 4lbs. 6oz. This little blessing came to them when he was only a few days old. He was left at their gate post where they minister in Nigeria with Campus Crusade for Christ. After surviving outside, naked and alone in the cold, Josiah's life is even a greater miracle.



Josiah is a baby brother for Jonathan, Joshua and Jeremy. Josiah's big brothers chose Benjamin to be his middle name because they vowed to take care of their new



Krista (nee Webb)'96
and Elliot Dixon are
excited to announce
the birth of their first
child, Gabriel.
Thomas Dixon was
joyfully welcomed
into the world on
December 12, 2001.

Members of the Alumni Association wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Gary Wightman**, 82, who passed away March 11, 2002 at the age of 48. Gary is survived by his wife Margaret. Gary was a student at Ontario Bible College and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology. During his time here at he made many close friends and added to the student life at the college. Gary won the prize for the top mark in New Testament Greek and had fond memories of his Greek professor Dr. Devereaux. Gary worked at the Scott Mission for many years as an intern and on to the Salvation Army where he worked in Toronto in a similar position. Gary was loved by Margaret in Moulton and lived after their marriage in Oil Springs and later in Shakespeare, Ontario. Over the years Gary was involved in several churches, Calvary Church at Pope Avenue and later the Northminster Baptist and Glen Can Baptist Churches. In 1989 Gary was the founding partner at Cutting Edge Book in Petrolia and managed the store until its sale in 1990.

MEMORIALS

The Tyndale Alumni Association wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Margaret Schnurr in the recent loss of her husband, **Bruce Schnurr '58**. Bruce faithfully ministered in Baptist Churches in Wilkesport, Gladstone, Dorchester, and Scarborough, ON, in Buckingham, PQ, and in Portage la Prairie and Minutemeness, MB. After a short illness with cancer, Bruce went home to glory on March 15, 2002.

John '85 and Wendy '84 (nee Stuart)
Reaume are pleased to announce the latest addition to their family, Josiah

Sharon Brown (nee Rodgers) '76, who graduated with her BBE, moved to Florida 4 years ago and now lives in Vero Beach with her 3 children, Daniel (17), Joel (15) and Alyssa (12). She would love to hear from any of her friends and fellow graduates. You can write her at: 526 23th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32962, or email at: waterlily03@hotmail.com.

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Letters from Alumni

If you have memories or comments you would like to share with the extended Tyndale community, please send them to us care of Connection, 25 Ballyconnor Ct., Toronto ON, M2M 4B3 or at connection@tyndale.ca.

As a young Christian in Germany I served with an evangelism team for a week, learning to tell others about Jesus and then had the joy of leading a girl to Christ. Then I had such joy that I told Jesus that I would like to become a missionary. I came home and said to my mother "I want to go to Bible School." She said, "No, that is out of the question, we don't have money for that."

paying off the money for the boat *Jore* to Canada and while working at McKellar General Hospital in Fort William (Thunder Bay), TBC graduated to a co-nurs, saying that they will serve ice cream. I went and it happened to be a TBC cadet meeting. With my limited English I was "all over", noticing that people always talked about a Bible College. Eventually, while rooming with a TBC graduate, Eleanor Moyer, the Lord opened the way and I was a TBC graduate. Eleanor

I was overwhelmed with all the books to read! I failed the very first test in Bible. I was ready to leave. I sat in the dining room and Mr. Doug Percy looked at me and said, "Do you have a problem? Come and see me." I did and said in my best English, "Your educational standards are too high for me. I must leave." "Your education laid you?" If so, can you run away from Him?" He said, "Has the best and about now I am not a half and decided: "OK. I will do my good fellowship at TBC did help through the struggle and I was very grateful when all of a sudden during the graduation, as I was, I slipped my second year, I was called to come."

God has led graciously and after 20 years of service with SIM in Nigeria and 13 years of teaching under the North American Baptist Conference at the Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary I am grateful to God that Mr. Percy having had concern for this discouraged student, I told that story to my students, who needed encouragement in Cameroon more than once.

Yours gratefully for the ministry of TBC, OBC, Tyndale
Aunametric Hattenbauer
(TBC '62, OBC '73)



By Amy Gordon, OBC '94

Think about it. You are scared, alone, hungry, and tired...and you're only 16 years old. You can't go home. The shelters are full. You feel abandoned.

Doesn't anyone care that you want to get out of this cycle of abuse, abandonment and fear? Can you ever receive the love you long for?

Hope House was born out of a desire to reach teenage girls who are trapped in a destructive and fearful lifestyle, and who need a safe place to live. It was founded on the belief that children are a gift from God and as such have the right to be loved, cared for, nurtured and encouraged. We would love to help all who require this healing but are satisfied, for now, to answer God's call to reach one heart at a time.

Our house parents, a beautiful Christian couple at Hope House full-time and provide, among many things, the emotional stability and consistency our girls require.

They strive to make the house into a home where the girls can experience the love of Christ in a non-threatening environment through the day-to-day activities of life: school homework, meal planning and preparation, household chores and budgeting.

We believe that each young girl who comes to Hope House has been given to us by God, and as such treat them as special and unique treasures. We realize that life has not been easy for these girls and we count it as a privi-

lege to walk with each of them through this time of their life. Sometimes the unconditional love we desire to show these girls comes tough. We need to provide them with the abilities and skills that they will need to live on their own, which includes discipline, responsibility, and decision-making.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the ministry of Hope House, or if you would like more information, please contact us at (905) 569-7776, ext. 35. We are also always looking for people to join our volunteer staff to assist Hope House in a variety of ways, from one-on-one time with the girls, to promoting our ministry within our cities, churches, and organizations. We would appreciate your prayers as we serve our God in this way...reaching one heart at a time.

Distinguished Alumni 2002



Dr. Craig Carter,
Distinguished
Alumna Ruth
Wallace (left)
President Sharon
Ramsay, Dr.
Jeffrey Greenman,
Distinguished
Alumna Anne
Woolger, and Dr.
Brian Stiller

K. Ruth Wallace

Tyndale College (BTh), 1993

Ruth Wallace is the Dean of Students at The King's University College in Edmonton, Alberta. Previously she served as the Development Counsellor at King's and as the Dean of Students at Bethany Bible Institute in Saskatchewan. She graduated from Tyndale College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Theology, where she earned the Phi Alpha Mu award. She continued in her studies to earn a Master of Arts in Worldview Studies from Toronto's Institute for Christian Studies, a Master of Education from Azusa Pacific University in California, and is in the process of completing her Doctor of Ministry at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Ruth is a member of various organizations and associations, including the Canadian Association of Christians in Student Development (past president), the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, and the Student Affairs and Services Association. She has also served as a member of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Women's Concerns Committee and the MCC Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Anne E. Woolger

Tyndale Seminary (MTS), 1988

Anne Woolger is the founder and director of Matthew House, a privately-run shelter for refugees in Toronto. Since opening as a permanent home in August 1998, Matthew House has provided shelter and assistance for more than 200 refugees from over 40 countries. In addition to earning a B.A. (Hons.) in History (Queen's) and a Master's degree in Theology (Tyndale), she received a Certificate in International Human Rights Law in 1994 from the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France. Anne has represented Canadian church coalitions at Human Rights forums both in Ottawa and at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva. She has served on various local and national refugee boards including Toronto Refugee Affairs Council Detention Sub Committee and Canadian Baptist Ministries and the Canadian Council of Churches National Refugee Committees. Anne has also served on a consultative committee with Canada Immigration (Ottawa), regarding the private sponsorship of refugees and was involved in overseeing the Kosovar refugee resettlement program in the spring of 1999. Recently she was appointed by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) to lead their Refugee Task Group. She is a regular guest speaker at missions conferences and churches where she educates the public about the local and worldwide plight of refugees and encourages Christians to reach out to them.

Golden Milers: Celebrating 50 Years

by Jill Potter, Alumni Coordinator

Happy voices carried through the hallway and there were many giggles as those socializing realized that there were classes in session. I quickly led the happy group into the dining hall where coffee and warm muffins waited. Surely, I thought, this might quiet them down but their pleasant voices continued on through the



morning and well into the afternoon. One might think I was speaking of a group of high school students who had come to visit the school. Quite the opposite! Our youthful guests were the class of '52 who had come to celebrate their anniversary together.

Each year the Alumni Office hosts a Golden Miler celebration in honor of those who graduated 50 years ago. This year's celebration was held on a snowy spring day but the weather did not put a damper on our festivities. Members from the graduating classes of '52, from both Toronto Bible College and London Bible Institute, were treated to a day of activities and celebration. They arrived on campus at 10:00 a.m. and were quickly engaged in conversations with those they had not seen in years!

Community Chapel was next on the schedule and we joined the students, staff and faculty in the chapel. Our Golden Milers were treated to a special Resurrection Celebration which included the Tyndale choir and a beautiful orchestra.

Following the blessing of music and song the Golden Milers enjoyed lunch with our President, Dr. Brian C. Stiller. Dr. Stiller shared his vision for the future of Tyndale with his guests and asked them to share in this vision through prayer. Each guest was also given a copy of Dr. Stiller's book, *What Happens When You Die*, as a memory of their special day. After the meal the Golden Milers had more time to become reacquainted and held a class

meeting.

The day was one to remember with folks traveling from as far as Nova Scotia to join us for the reunion. There were 36 honored guests in attendance and each left with a booklet of memories which highlighted the past 50 years of their lives. If you were a member of the class of '52 and were unable to attend, please contact the Alumni Office for a copy.

Together the Golden Milers shared stories of what God has done and continues to do in their lives. The class of '52 collected for a special project which will be used to plant a strong oak tree in our courtyard. This gift will be a lasting memory of the class of '52 and a beautiful addition to our school.

Many blessings to the class of '52 as they continue to serve the Lord in their various churches and ministries. We look forward to celebrating with you in future years as we look ahead. Next year we will celebrate again with the class of '53. If you are a member of the class of '53 expect a letter next winter as we begin to plan your Golden Miler Anniversary. Our school certainly has a rich history of beautiful men and women of God!

The Heart of the President

BRIAN C. STILLER



My first memory of seeing television was in the early 1950s: it was Grey Cup weekend. The game had been played on Saturday and CFQC in Saskatoon replayed it on Sunday afternoon. The only place my brother Cal and I could find to watch it was through the window of the Hudson Bay store in town. The temperature was far below zero, but that was no deterrent: bundled for the cold we stood, feet freezing and noses pressed against the frosted window, peering at a small black and white screen.

Not only was that my first encounter with this revolutionary device, it was a great moment in football history: the relatively unknown Jackie Parker picked up a fumble and ran almost the length of the field for the winning touchdown.

My second memory of television was as a teenage evangelist: my lifelong friend Terry Law and I had been sent by our denomination as summer evangelists in British Columbia. That summer a satellite beamed an image and sound that could be picked up around the world. It was then that we realized it was possible that "every eye could see and every ear hear" simultaneously—it was to two young evangelists an eerie foretelling from the Scriptures.

Our family home never had a television. (Well, there was one memorable exception when John Diefenbaker won the federal election in 1957. Dad rented a TV just for that evening!) The reason why? My par-

ents felt—as pastors—that having a television would be worldly and set the wrong standard for our church community.

Many Christians in those early years of television feared a pervasive influence of "Hollywood." That is, until Bishop Fulton Sheen and Oral Roberts began their own weekly television programs. It was then Christians saw the possibility of using this new medium for Gospel proclamation.

How distant that world seems today. Television—ubiquitous, everywhere, pervasive. While it is not unwise to ask the question about its nature, for most of us today it is like asking if cars are necessary. Televisions, like cars, have become part of everyday life. The question we should raise, however, is how are we to use this—or any—part of God's creation so as to serve His creation and His Kingdom in faithfulness?

The question is, what can we include as part of God's world? We have difficulty with this question because we have created a false division in His creation and we end up labeling what He has created as "worldly." We fumble around with the word "world." We make it synonymous with the word and idea we

label "worldly." The two words, however, mean something quite different.

First the "world" is God's creation. Planet Earth not only gives forth life but in its original state was harmonious: a mirror of its Creator. Human life as part of that creation is "in His image." It is the imago Dei. Human life, and other forms of creation, are part of the world which is the Lord's.

The inappropriate use of the word "worldly" has created the impression that the "world"—that is the creation—is less in God's eyes than what we loosely call the human

tions—we allow it to be taken over by "worldliness." Here a definition would be helpful.

The world is God's handiwork. Worldliness is allowing any part of His creation to replace our worship of God. In other words, a worldly heart substitutes an idol in place of God. So, for example, an educational degree is part of one's preparation for life. If, however, we make it our security and assume it is the ticket to the future we turn that into an idol. In other words, what was a gift from God becomes an idol. The degree becomes worldly. We are the ones who take what is perfectly legitimate and turn it into an idol, by robbing it of God's goodness.

Media—be it television, radio, publishing, or the internet—is part of God's wider creation. People by use of their God-given talent access the electronic elements of God's creation. The question we want to ask is, how should it be used? For a follower of Jesus to discard media because it too often has

been abused is to end up misunderstanding the nature of this world of His creation.

When we understand that all of life is the Lord's, we see media as part of life that rightfully belongs to the Lord. As kingdom-people, our calling is to reclaim the ground that has been lost. And that includes the many venues of modern and postmodern media.

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Dr. J. David Lundy (OTS '88) has been appointed as the International Director of Arab World Ministries. David has been the English language pastor of the Chinese Gospel Church in Toronto for the past 2 1/2 years and was the pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church in Toronto from 1995-1999.

David served with OM India from 1972-1978 and as OM's Canadian Director from 1985-1994. David was the first Canadian Director of Arab World Ministries (then North Africa Mission) from 1979-1985. He has been on the Canadian board of Arab World Ministries for the last five years and a member of the International Council of AWM for the past 3 years.

David has long been a champion of globalization of the harvest force in mis-

sions. He authored the book, *We are the World: Globalization and the Changing Face of Missions*, published by Paternoster Press in 1999. His new book, *Servant Leadership for Slow Learners* has just been published this year by Paternoster Press.

David has enjoyed teaching opportunities as adjunct faculty with Tyndale Seminary and Briercrest Biblical Seminary. He has earned degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry), Tyndale Seminary (Master of Divinity) and the University of Toronto (BA in Political Science).

David and Linda will be based at the Central Services office of Arab World Ministries, in Worthing, England. They plan to relocate to England by January 1, 2003.



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